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and many others in the United States and around the globe!!!

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(* * * * C L O S E D C I R C U I T A D V I S O R Y * * * *)
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(* The following advisory is not necessarily for trans- *)
(* mission over amateur radio. This is just a reminder that *)
(* the address for the Newsline Support Fund is Newsline, in *)
(* care of Andy Jarema-N6TCQ, Post Office Box 660937, Arcadia, *)
(* California 91066. Again, and as always, we thank you. *)
(* This ends the closed circuit with Newsline report number *)
(* 920 for release on Friday, March 31st, 1995 to follow. *)

turning to the American Radio Relay League for help.

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VANITY CALL SIGN RECONSIDERATION SOUGHT

The ARRL has petitioned the FCC for partial reconsideration of one aspect of its proposed vanity call sign program. The League wants the Commission to require that amateurs requesting vanity call signs in eligibility gates other than Gate One to specify call sign choices in the call sign region of their then current mailing address.

The League says it believes that the history of call sign regions and the nature of Amateur Radio communication indicate that call sign regions should be retained for vanity call sign applicants. It notes that some call sign regions have fewer available call signs than others. It says that allowing an open field would deplete the call sign pools in these regions. This says the ARRL would ultimately deprive some applicants who want a call sign in their own region the opportunity of obtaining one. The ARRL cites the limited call sign banks in Puerto Rico, Alaska and Hawaii as examples.

The League voiced no opposition to this inter district call sign assignment to Gate One. This is because Gate One is for applicants for a previously held call sign or the call sign of a deceased relative.

The ARRL says that aside from this one point that it otherwise it fully supports the Commission's vanity call sign proposal. The League adds that it believes sufficient time is available to consider the proposed change before the FCC is ready to open Gate Two, the first gate that would be affected.

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NEW HAMSATS LOST

Two new hamsats have been lost in a launch gone wrong. On March the 28th a Russian START rocket roared toward space carrying three satellites, two of them dedicated to Amateur Radio. But something went wrong with the converted intercontinental ballistic missile turned satellite launch vehicle. Instead of achieving a polar orbit, it instead fell into the sea. Lost was an Israeli amateur radio satellite built at the Technion-Israel Institute of Technology in Haifa called TECHSAT One. Another was a Mexican built Microsat designated as UNAMSAT One. It was built at the Autonomous University of Mexico under the direction of XE1TU. The third satellite was a Russian constructed spacecraft, its mission unknown. The cause of the launch failure is also unknown.

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SINGLE POINT OF CONTACT

For several months, we have been hearing the term "single point of contact." This, as it relates to matters of hams dealing with the FCC. In fact, single point of contact seems to be a term coined by somebody at the FCC to describe the way the agency wants to deal with the ham radio community. That being to interface to all of ham radio through one individual or group to the exclusion of all others. And, over those same months, the FCC has been making it known that it wants the American Radio Relay League as that single point of contact. Especially in matters of repeater frequency coordination.

And now, the commission and the ARRL appear to have struck a deal to see if the concept of a single point of contact can work. As reported in last weeks newscast, any ham wanting to operate in the newly created 219 to 220 MHz band must pre-register with the ARRL at least thirty days before going on the air. The League has agreed to keep a master list of stations operating between 219 and 220 MHz and to also assist hams in registering their operations with various Automated Maritime Communications Systems sites. And, at least on the surface, it appears as if that will be as far as league involvement will go.

Unlike repeater coordinators, the ARRL will not assign any operating frequencies. Nor will it approve or disapprove of a ham going on the air. It will however be keeping tabs on all who operate the new band, ready to furnish that information to the FCC.

With an ARRL sponsored meeting of all the nations repeater coordinators coming up sometime this year, those hams involved in frequency accommodation efforts are getting a first glance at what the FCC and the ARRL envision a single point of contact, to be. What they see and the way that they perceive it will probably be the key to the success or the failure of the concept in this area of ham radio as well.

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COBRA ELECTRONICS NAMED OFFICIAL SPONSOR OF REACT

On the public service scene, word that Cobra Electronics Corporation has been selected as an official sponsor of Radio Emergency Associated Communications Teams. Better known as REACT International, this is an organization which promotes the use of two-way radio communications to ensure on-road highway safety.

According to Cobra's Steve Yanklowitz, the new pack with REACT is a part of continuing efforts by that company to make auto travel safer and more secure. As part of the agreement Cobra will assist the REACT in providing emergency services to motorists. Cobra will also provide technology updates so REACT volunteers

will be aware of all the state-of-the-art communication products which can increase the effectiveness of their safety efforts.

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E-COMM

Speaking of public service, have you ever hear of John Hart N00CF or E-Comm? If you haven't already, you will. This is because John Hart is on the cutting edge of tieing ham radio crisis communications to the information superhighway. He says its a service whose time has come.

For more information write to N00CF at E-Comm, 767 South Xenon Court, Lakewood, Colorado 80228. Or you can contact John over the internet. He has several electronic mail addresses, but the main one is jhart@teal.csn.net

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GEORGE WILSON W40YI UPDATE

The condition of ARRL President George Wilson, W40YI, who suffered a stroke on February 11th is greatly improved. As we go to air, the word from League Headquarters is that W40YI is expected to be transported by air ambulance from the Virginia hospital where he has been undergoing treatment, to his home town of Owensboro, Kentucky. George will enter a transitional care facility in Owensboro until he is ready for admission to a rehabilitation facility.

From this time on you can send get well cards to George's home address of 1649 Griffith Avenue, Owensboro, Kentucky 42301.

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MITNICK

Accused computer super hacker Kevin David Mitnick, N6NHG, could wind up one of the richest people behind prison bars. That is if he can find some way around laws that prevent him from cashing in on a new film and CD Rom video game based on his alleged exploits.

According to the entertainment trade publication the Hollywood Reporter, Miramax Films has acquired worldwide film rights to a book about how the FBI caught its most-wanted computer hacker. According to the story, Miramax plans a fill length theatrical release film followed by a CD Rom game from which the company stands to make millions if not hundreds of millions of dollars.

According to the Hollywood Reporter story, Miramax paid an undisclosed sum for rights to the book "Catching Kevin: The Pursuit and Capture of America's Most Wanted Computer Criminal," by computer hacker tracker Tsutomu Shimomura and New York Times

reporter John Markoff.

Shimomura is the San Diego computer security consultant who made it a personal vendetta to track down N6NHG after Mitnick was able to gain unauthorized entry by modem into Shimomura's home computer. And John Markhoff is no stranger to the Kevin Mitnick story. Back in 1991 he and writer Katie Hafner authored the book Cyberpunk that told the story of three separate computer hacker groups including a detailed account of the exploits of Kevin Mitnick, N6NHG.

While there is a lot of money at stake here it a pretty good bet that Mitnick may never see any of it. This is because of new laws in several states including New York and California preclude someone accused of a crime from profiting from the sale of his or her story. This probably means that Mitnick will not be permitted to share in any profits from the outside business ventures based on allegations of criminal activity.

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YOUNG HAM of the YEAR

A reminder that nominating period for 1995 "Young Ham of the Year Award" is now open. This award now in its ninth consecutive year, is presented annually to a United States licensed Radio Amateur who is 18 years of age or younger and who has provided outstanding service to the nation, his community or the betterment of the state of the art in communications through the Amateur Radio service.

Any continental United States FCC licensed ham radio operator aged 18 and younger who have used Amateur Radio to significantly contribute to the benefit of the service, to the state of the communications art, to their community or the nation are eligible to be nominated. Thanks to corporate support from Yaesu U.S.A., the 1995 Young Ham of the Year will receive an expense paid trip to the Huntsville Hamfest where he or she will be presented the award. The winner will also receive a VIP tour of the Marshall Spaceflight Center and Spacecamp courtesy of C-Q Magazine.

All nominations must be submitted before June 30th, 1995 on an official application available for a self addressed stamped envelope to the 1995 Young Ham of the Year Award, %Newsline, 28197 Robin Avenue, Saugus, California 91350. These nominating applications are also available electronically. You can download them from the ham radio files section on GENIE and America Online.

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DX

In DX, the 1995 International DX Convention will be held April 21 to the 23rd, at the Holiday Inn in Visalia, California. The

Northern California DX Club will host this 46th annual event which is one of the oldest and best known DX functions held each year. The ARRL sanctioned event includes seminars, DXpedition programs, QSL card checking, exhibits, prizes and much more. For details contact Ted Davis, W6BJH, P.O. Box 494243, Redding, CA 96049.

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GEORGE FISCHBECK NOW KE6SBY

And finally, unless you live in Los Angeles or Albuquerque, the name Dr. George Fischbeck may not mean very much to you. But in those to cities and the areas nearby, Dr. George is quite literally a television weather reporting legend.

Currently holding force at KCBS channel 2 in the City of Angels, Dr. George began his television career while teaching in New Mexico. Word is that he never really planned to go into television, but could not say no to an offer to do the weather on what was then Albuquerque's highest rated news program.

When he moved to the City of Angeles, Dr. George was quickly gobbled up by KABC channel 7 where he plied his trade for the better part of two decades making the complexities of the numerous microclimates of Southern California easy for anyone to understand.

And for many of those years, Dr. George also wanted to be involved in another part of communications. He wanted to be a ham radio operator, but his many broadcast and charitable responsibilities took up all of his time. But that's all changed with word that Dr. George has finally achieved his dream. Just a few days ago Dr. George Fischbeck added a new suffix to his name. Its the ham radio call sign KE6SBY.

And that's not all. For his very first official ham radio public appearance, Dr. George has accepted an invitation to be the Grand Banquet Speaker at the 1995 Southwest Division Convention on board the Queen Mary Ocean Liner attraction on Labor Day weekend, September 1-3rd. Another well known broadcast celebrity is slated to Emcee the banquet. He is the former all night host of KABC Talkradio, Ray Briem, N6FFT.

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